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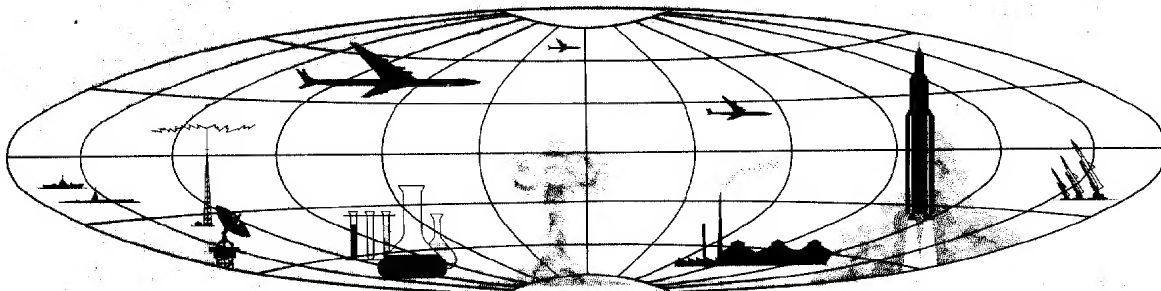
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3511, DATED 24 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE IS ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTER, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE APPEARS COMPLETE. NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE OCCUPIED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE-TYPE CRATES, 12  
CRUISE-MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND 115 MISCELLANEOUS  
VEHICLES.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- TWELVE FAGOT/FRESCO.

25X1D

25X1A

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 B-26, 3 T-6, 3 T-33, 25 FAGOT/FRESCO,  
ONE FARMER, 40 FISHBED AND 4 LIAISON TYPE.

25X1D

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CRATE, ONE CRATE FUSELAGE, 3  
CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, 3 C-46, ONE VISCOUNT, 3  
BRITANNIA, ONE LODESTAR, 2 LIAISON, ONE LIGHT  
TWIN-ENGINE, ONE B-26 AND ONE C-45.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CAB, 3 CRATE, 11 COLT, 41  
LIAISON/TRAINER AND ONE PBV.

25X1D



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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED. SIXTY VEHICLES/PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D



25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 57 HOUND, 6 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS,  
ONE CRATE, AND ONE CAB.

25X1D



25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D



-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG AND 2 PF.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 19 FREIGHTERS INCLUDING ONE  
TSIMLYANSKES-TYPE FREIGHTER DOCKED AT HAVANA  
CENTRAL PIER, 2 TANKERS, 11 COASTAL FREIGHTERS,  
ONE PROBABLE PF AND ONE PROBABLE PC.

25X1D

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ATKARSK-CLASS FREIGHTER AT ANCHOR (BOOMS  
ACTIVE, HATCHES APPEAR CLOSED). NO LIGHTERS OR  
ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF SHIP.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

INSTALLATION CONTAINS 24 VANS, 6 VEHICLES, AND 10  
CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF  
VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. TWENTY-TWO TENTS  
(NON-SOVIET-TYPE), AND FIVE SMALL BUILDINGS, ALL  
RECENTLY ERECTED, OBSERVED ADJACENT TO THE MOTOR  
PARK. (ERECTION OF TENTS AND BUILDINGS BEGAN AFTER

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FOLIAGE AND SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

TWENTY FOUR VEHICLES IN THE CAMP. REVETMENT AREA TO THE SOUTHEAST IS EMPTY.

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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

ONE T-SHAPED BUILDING, 7 SMALLER BUILDINGS, ONE TENT AND 5 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

CAMP CONTAINS 4 LARGE, 25 MEDIUM AND 22 SMALL TENTS, 41 TANKS/SP GUNS, 14 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 9 SNAPPERS, 15 FA PIECES, 5 AAA PIECES, 265 CARGO TRUCKS, 24 UTILITY TRUCKS, 10 POL TRUCKS, 4 POL TRAILERS, 2 VAN TRUCKS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 10 TRACKED PRIME-MOVERS, 15 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED. IN ADDITION, 7 CARGO TRUCKS TOWING LOWBOY TRAILERS (TANK TRANSPORTERS) WERE OBSERVED NEAR THE MOTOR PARK.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

FORTY SEVEN LARGE, 11 MEDIUM AND 15 SMALL TENTS, 12 TANKS/SP GUNS, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 32 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, 7 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES VISIBLE. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. FOLIAGE AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF  
TENTS, VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. THE 6-GUN AAA  
SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.  
CLOUD SHADOW AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE A  
DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D



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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY  
300 VEHICLES IN AREA.

25X1D



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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

FIFTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D



25X1A



BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

AT LEAST 27 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D



25X1A



GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

APPROXIMATELY 20 POSSIBLE FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY  
50 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

SIX LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND AT LEAST 100 OTHER VEHICLES  
VISIBLE.

25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

THIRTY CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN STORAGE AREAS.  
APPROXIMATELY 78 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3

2242N 08308W

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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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CUEVA DEL CURA

2302N 08206W

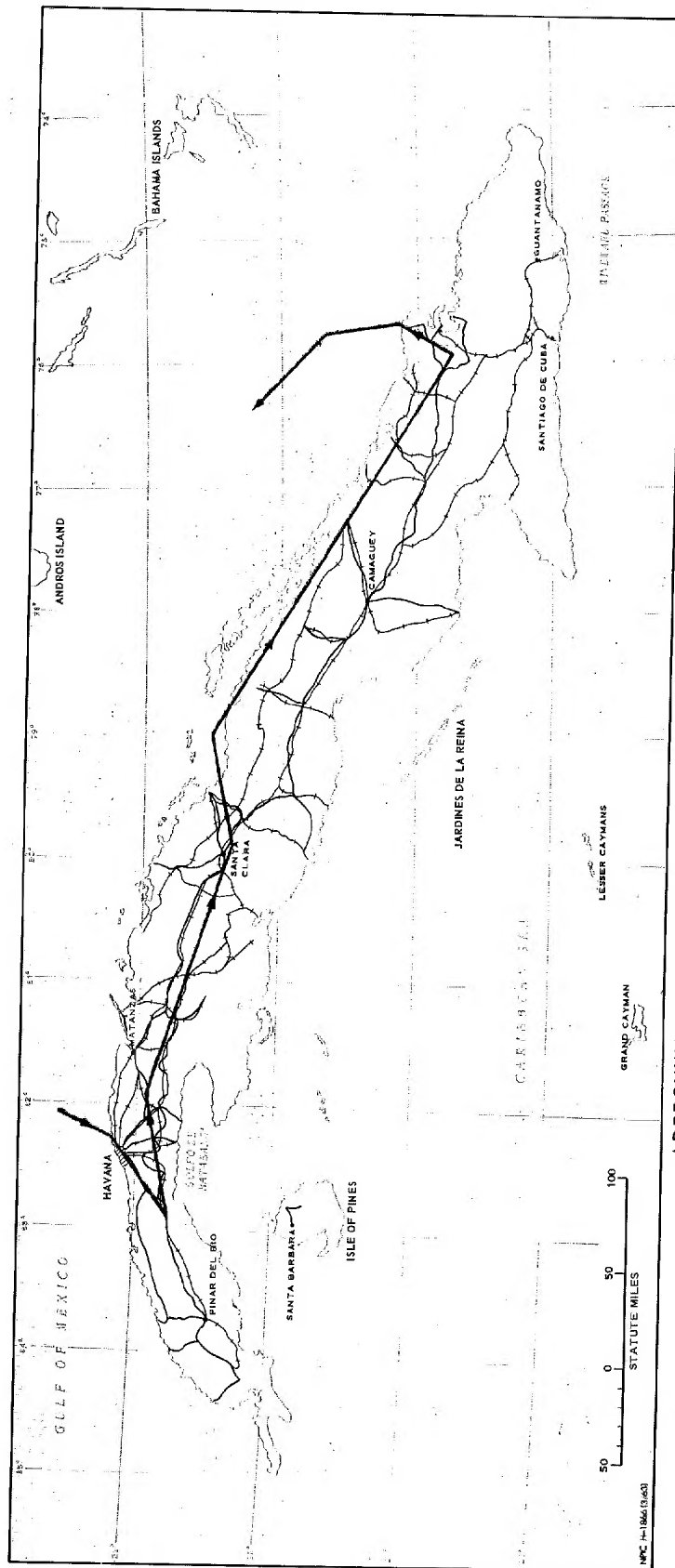
THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

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HAVANA SAM SITE	2309N 08213W
HOLGUIN AIRFIELD	2048N 07618W
SURGIDERO DE BATABAND PORT	2241N 08218W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA	2311N 08203W

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